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RE: Docket No. D2006.6.82

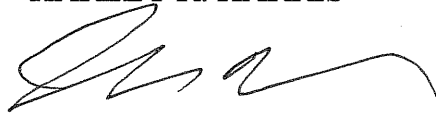
Dear Ms. Whitney:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission the Statement on Pre-Filed Testimony of the Heartland Consumer Power District and South Dakota Public Power Inc. in the above-captioned docket.

This Statement is being mailed to the parties identified on the Certificate of Service enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-442-7450.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Joint Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock)	
Brown Infrastructure Limited, BBI US)	DOCKET NO. D2006.6.82
Holdings Pty. Ltd., BBI US Holdings II Corp.,)	
and BBI Glacier Corp. For Approval of the)	
Sale and Transfer of NorthWestern)	
Corporation Pursuant To a Merger Agreement)	

**STATEMENT ON PRE-FILED TESTIMONY
OF HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER DISTRICT AND
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC POWER INC.**

Heartland Consumer Power District (HCPD) and South Dakota Public Power (SDPP) have been granted general intervention status in this present matter. The Commission has set December 15, 2006, as the date for initial pre-filed testimony from intervenors. HCPD and SDPP respectfully advise the commission and other parties by this statement that it will not submit initial pre-filed expert or policy testimony, but reserve all rights of subsequent participation in the case, as further set forth below.

1. HCPD and SDPP waive their rights to submit initial pre-filed intervenor testimony at this time.

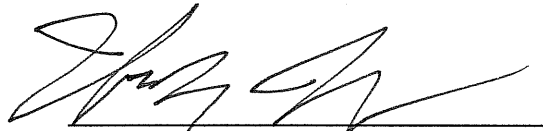
2. HCPD and SDPP reserve all other rights of general intervention in the present matter, including without limitation its right to: reserve all pleadings and discovery (subject to appropriate protective orders); respond to pre-filed testimony of other intervenors; file testimony on additional issues identified by PSC staff; participate in hearings, including the right of cross examination; respond to motions and legal briefs

filed during the course of the proceeding; and file post-hearing arguments.

3. HCPD and SDPP additionally reserve all rights to file for interim or final relief from orders entered in this matter with respect to issues raised by the Commission or any party, whether or not introduced at this time by HCPD and SDPP.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Harley R. Harris, certify that on the 15th day of December 2006, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing **STATEMENT ON PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER DISTRICT AND SOUTH DAKOTA POWER INC.** was duly served upon the parties listed below by depositing the same, postage prepaid in the United State mail to:

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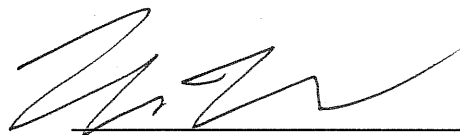
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